



Hermosa Beach City Manager's Office City Council Meeting Updates 05.14.19

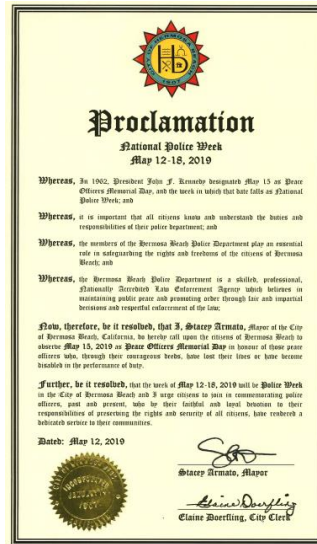
A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the May 14, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

May 14, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

Recognition of Peace Officers Memorial Day, National Police Week and National Public Works Week – Council issued proclamations recognizing: May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 12-18, 2019 as National Police Week and May 19-25, 2019 as National Public Works Week. Click on the thumbnails at right to view the full proclamations.

Recognizing Grades of Green Waste Campaign, Our Lady of Guadalupe “Trash at Art” Class Projects and Environmental Progress at Hermosa View and Valley Schools – Council recognized local students and teachers for their [Grades of Green](#)

water & waste campaign efforts. Our Lady of Guadalupe students repurposed trash into art projects including the “waterfall” sculpture shown below, made from some of the 645 single-use plastic bottles collected, and reused more than 25 liters (~7 gallons) of water for irrigation that would have otherwise been thrown away. Valley & View School recently eliminated single-use plastic water bottles and Styrofoam lunch trays with the help of a \$2,000 grant for new trays from Athens Services.





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Leadership Hermosa Beach Emerging Leader Award Recipients – Council recognized [Leadership Hermosa Beach](#) 2019 award recipients:

- Youth – Brenly Parker, 15, singer/songwriter (“[Be Me](#)” music video) & school music club.
- Adult – Lucas Commisso, 23, Mira Costa Key Club advisor & Kiwanis Club V.P.
- Business or Organization – Hermosa Friends Foundation – raised over \$20,000 for local non-profit organizations and college scholarships.



Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation – Council proclaimed May 2019 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Check out Beach Cities Health District’s mental health awareness [page](#) for resources including an upcoming Introduction to Mental Health First Aid training session to be held in Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 ([registration](#) required, light refreshments provided).

City Manager Updates – City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided updates on the following items:

- **Access Hermosa Working Group** – The Access Hermosa Working Group is assisting Public Works in the development of an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) transition plan to improve City facility accessibility which will be presented to the Public Works Commission and Council at a future date.
- **H2O Hotel Construction Update (1429 Hermosa Avenue)** – Mayor Armato and staff recently performed a site walkthrough with the owner of the H2O Hotel property; construction is approximately 60% complete. The City is working with the owner to facilitate project completion. Nearby properties at 1242 Hermosa Avenue and 205 Pier Avenue (same owner) are currently listed for sale.
- **DEA Drug Takeback Event** – 210 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at the Hermosa Beach Police Department on April 27, 2019 as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s 17th Annual National Drug Takeback Day.



Public Hearing: Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 5.78 to Include Prohibitions on the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products in All Tobacco Retail Establishments – Council introduced on first reading an ordinance to ban all retailers within City limits from selling flavored tobacco products in order to reduce tobacco and nicotine addiction. The ban is anticipated to take effect in late June 2019, 30 days after the second reading scheduled for May 28, 2019; and would amend flavored tobacco sale restrictions adopted by Council on January 9, 2019 to go into effect on June 1, 2019 along with tobacco retailer license requirements and electronic smoking device restrictions.



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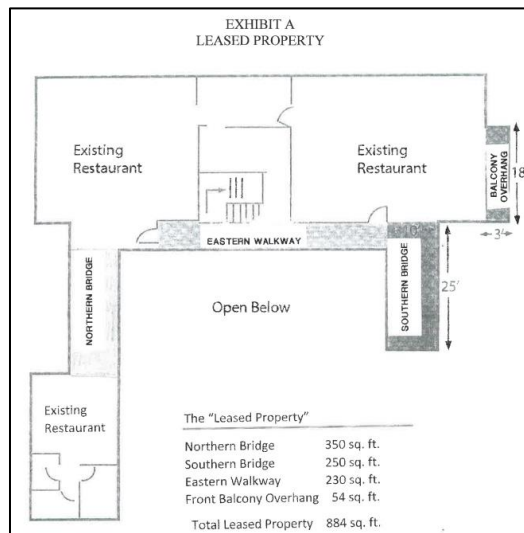
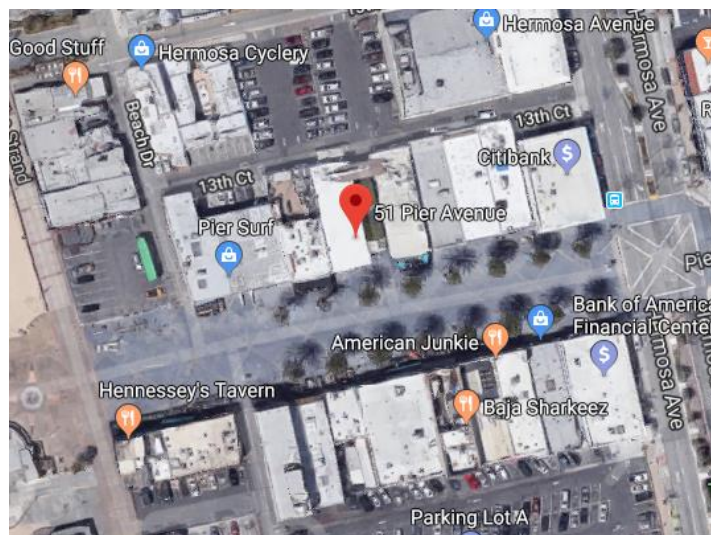
Athens Services Solid Waste Management Services Rate Adjustments – Council endorsed rate adjustments of +1.64% for trash, recycling and green waste cart/bin service and +0.25% for compactor roll-off and disposal service effective July 1, 2019 as prescribed in Athens Services' franchise agreement. The City's tonnage rate will increase 2.03%. Monthly rate changes for the most commonly utilized services:

Cart / Bin Type	3-Yard Bin	64-Gallon	32-Gallon
Current Rate	\$122.07	\$11.89	\$7.43
Rate Effective July 1, 2019	\$124.02	\$12.08	\$7.55

8th Street Construction Contract Award – Council awarded a construction contract to Gentry General Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$714,000, to upgrade sidewalks, driveways and curb ramps to provide a continuous path of travel compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act on 8th Street between Hermosa Avenue and Valley Drive. Work is anticipated to begin in early June and last for approximately 10 weeks. Council found Concept Consultant Inc.'s bid of \$561,951 (low bid) to not be responsive due to lack of project references with a similar scope of work and proposed subcontractor use greater than 49% (City requires at least 51% of the project to be completed by the prime contractor).

Landscape Maintenance Services Contract Award – Council awarded low bidder Merchants Landscaping Inc. a three-year contract for an amount not to exceed \$937,205 for landscaping, tree trimming, field maintenance and janitorial services at the City's parks and open spaces through June 30, 2022. Additional services will include annual Greenbelt pathway wood chip replacement, summer trash removal at South Park and Valley Park, and janitorial services for newly constructed park restrooms.

Loreto Plaza Airspace Lease – Council approved an agreement with Pierside Properties, LLC, for lease of airspace for the bridges, walkway and balcony overhang areas at 51 Pier Avenue (City-owned property between 49 and 53 Pier Avenue by Pier Plaza) for a one-year term through December 31, 2019 with three five-year renewal options available. The City will receive \$29,278 in rent for 2019 with increases based on the rent currently paid by Tower 12 to Pierside Properties, LLC. The lease supersedes the encroachment permit issued for the southerly bridge.





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Hermosa Beach Bus Stop Furnishings - Council authorized the appropriation of up to \$100,636 in Proposition A transit project funding for the purchase and installation of bus stop benches and trash receptacles on Hermosa Avenue, Manhattan Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

Other Matters:

- **Appointment of City Council Delegate to the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Board of Directors** – Council appointed Councilmember Massey to replace Councilmember Fangary as Hermosa Beach's primary delegate on the SBCCOG Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Campbell will continue as the designated alternate.
- **Resignation Letter from Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission Chair Gila Katz** – Council received and filed, with regret, a letter of resignation from EPAC Chair Rabbi Gila Katz. Mayor Armato thanked Rabbi Katz for her service.
- **Boards and Commissions Vacancies** – Council directed the City Clerk to advertise and request applications from interested parties for upcoming boards and commissions vacancies:
 - **Civil Service Board (2)** – current terms expire July 15, 2019; new appointments will be for four-year terms ending July 15, 2023.
 - **Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission (2)** – current terms expire June 30, 2019; new appointments will be for four-year terms ending June 30, 2023.
 - **Planning Commission (2)** – current terms expire June 30, 2019; new appointments will be for four-year terms ending June 30, 2023.

Additional details and application forms may be found on the City's Boards & Commissions [webpage](#); applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by 6 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019.

- **Tentative Future Agenda Items:**
 - On Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 6.p.m., the City Council will host a Tri-Agency Study Session on Youth Health Issues in Council Chambers with the Beach Cities Health District and Hermosa Beach City School District.
 - The June 25, 2019 City Council meeting has been cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

A CITY COUNCIL MEETING / STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 AT 6 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019.

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at ndeanda@hermosabch.org



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